

## **Article 5 – Public Sewer Connection and Septic System Conversion to Public Sewer**

### **Sec. 310-50. Mandatory connections to public sanitary sewer.**

- (a) The owner of all houses, buildings or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other such purposes, located within the City of Chamblee and abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way in which there is now located a public sanitary sewer, is required to install, at the owner's expense, suitable toilet facilities, and to connect such facilities directly to the public sanitary sewer. In accordance with the provisions of this article, the owner has twenty-four (24) months after the date of official notice to accomplish this, provided that the public sanitary sewer is within one hundred (100) feet of the property line.
- (b) Exceptions to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section may be granted by the County upon application.

### **Sec. 310-51. Private sewage disposal facilities generally.**

- (a) Except as specifically permitted by this title, including Chapter 340, Article 6, of the UDO or by the DeKalb County Board of Health, whichever is more restrictive, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other similar facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

### **Sec. 310-52. Nonavailability of public sanitary sewer.**

- (a) Where a public sanitary sewer is not available, the building sewer shall be connected to another means of sewage disposal. The private sewage disposal system must comply with all applicable regulations of the Planning and Development Department, the DeKalb County Board of Health, DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Unless specific exceptions are made, a private sewage disposal facility shall consist of an approved septic tank.

### **Sec. 310-53. Sewer Construction and Assessments for new developments**

- (a) Sewer construction standards shall be in conformance with DeKalb County standards of Chapter 25, Article IV, Division 2, or as updated and renumbered.

### **Sec. 310-54. Special Septic Tank to Sewer Conversion Tax District – Sewer Extensions for Existing Developments**

- (a) Sewer extension standards shall be in conformance with DeKalb County standards of Chapter 25, Article IV, Division 2.5, or as updated and renumbered.

## **Article 6 – Waste of Potable Water**

### **Sec. 310-55. Prohibitions.**

- (a) The following uses are a waste or unreasonable use or method of use of potable water and are prohibited:
  - (1) Allowing water to escape from any premises onto public right-of-way, such as streets and sidewalks, or upon any other person's property.
  - (2) Operating an irrigation system or other lawn or landscaping watering device during rain.

- (3) Operating an irrigation system or other lawn or landscaping watering device that has any broken or missing sprinkler heads.
- (4) Failing to repair a controllable leak, including a broken sprinkler head, or a leaking valve, or a leaking outdoor faucet, or a service line leak, or any other visible outside water leaks, on premises owned, leased, or managed by that person, within 30 days of notice to the property owner.
- (5) Washing any vehicle with a hose and not having a water shut-off nozzle or allowing water to run continuously from a hose while washing any vehicle is also prohibited.

**Sec. 310-56. Exceptions.**

- (a) The restrictions in this ordinance do not apply to the following authorized uses:
  - (1) Flow resulting from firefighting or routine inspection of fire hydrants or from fire training activities.
  - (2) Water applied as a dust control measure, as required by erosion and sedimentation rules.
  - (3) Water applied to abate spills of flammable or otherwise hazardous materials, where water is the appropriate methodology.
  - (4) Water applied to prevent or abate health, safety, or accident hazards when alternate methods are not available.
  - (5) Water used for construction or maintenance activities where the application of water is appropriate methodology and where no other practical alternative exists.
  - (6) Water used for power-washing hard surfaces to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards, unless prohibited by drought restrictions.
  - (7) Mobile car washes complying with all regulations in the UDO.
  - (8) Emptying of swimming pools for maintenance only when water is unpolluted and dechlorinated.